

CHAPTER 8  
DEFINITIONS

Annualized Total Patient Days - The total patient days reported on the cost report adjusted for any cost report period less than one year. This is done to estimate what the total patient days would be for a full year for a facility. For example, a nursing facility files a cost report for three (3) months with total patient days of 10,000. The annualized total patient days would be  $(10,000 / 3) \times 12 = 40,000$ . In this example, it is estimated that the total patient days for this facility would be 40,000.

Base Rate - A per diem rate established for nursing facilities that is set at least annually and is the equivalent of a case mix score of 1.0.

Care Related Costs - These costs include salaries and fringe benefits for activities, Director of Nurses, pharmacy, social services, food, Medical Director and consultants for activities, nursing, pharmacy, social services and therapies.

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Direct Care Costs - Expenses incurred by nursing facilities for the hands on care of the residents. These costs include salaries and fringe benefits of RN's (excluding the Director of Nursing), LPN's, and nursing assistants, and medical supplies.

Fair Rental System - The gross rental system as modified by the Mississippi Case Mix Advisory Committee and described in this plan.

Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF-MR)  
- A classification of long term care facilities which provides services only for the mentally retarded or developmentally disabled in accordance with 42 CFR Part 483, Subpart I.

Minimum Data Set (MDS) - The resident assessment instrument approved by the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration, for use by all Medicaid and Medicare certified nursing facilities in Mississippi including sections S, T and U.

Mississippi Access Weights - The Mississippi base weights increased by two percent (2%) for certain M<sup>3</sup>PI groups listed in Section 3-4, B.

Mississippi Base Weights - A calculation, based on actual time and salary information of the care givers, of the relationship of each M<sup>3</sup>PI group to the average.

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Multi-State Medicare Medicaid Payment Index (M<sup>3</sup>PI) - The resident classification system developed for use by the Mississippi Medicaid Program. This classification system is based on assessments of residents and the time and cost associated with the care of the different types of residents.

Large Nursing Facility - A classification of long term care facilities which provides nursing facility care in accordance with 42 CFR Part 483, Subpart B and which has 61 or more beds certified for Title XIX.

Patient Days - The number of days of care charged to a beneficiary, including bed hold and leave days, for patient long term care is always counted in units of full days. A day begins at midnight and ends 24 hours later. The midnight-to-midnight method must be used in reporting the days of care for beneficiaries, even if the facility uses a different definition for statistical or other purposes. The day of admission counts as a full day. However, the day of discharge

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is not counted as a day. If both admission and discharge occur on the same day, the day is considered a day of admission and counts as one patient day.

Residential Psychiatric Treatment Facilities - A classification of facilities which provides long term psychiatric care for children under age 22. Services must be provided under the direction of a physician who is at least board eligible and has experience in child/adolescent psychiatry. The psychiatric services must also be provided in accordance with an individual comprehensive services plan.

Small Nursing Facility - A classification of long term care facilities which provides nursing facility care in accordance with 42 CFR Part 483, Subpart B and which has 1 - 60 beds certified for Title XIX.

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